

**Table 1A. Estimated Measures of Sampling Variability<sup>1</sup> for Sales and Inventories of U.S. Merchant Wholesalers: 2002 through 2006**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the Annual Wholesale Trade Survey.]

2002 NAICS CODE	Data Item	Kind of Business (sub-parts indicated by one or more leading dots)	Estimated Measures of Sampling Variability <sup>1</sup>				
			2002 <sup>2</sup>	2003 <sup>2</sup>	2004 <sup>2</sup>	2005 <sup>2</sup>	2006
<b>42</b>	<b>Sales</b>	<b>U.S. Merchant Wholesalers</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>423</b>	<b>Sales</b>	<b>..Durable goods</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>
4231	Sales	..Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Parts and Supplies	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.9
4232	Sales	..Furniture and Home Furnishings	0.0	1.0	2.6	2.8	3.3
4233	Sales	..Lumber & Other Construction Materials	0.0	2.4	2.9	3.0	3.3
4234	Sales	..Professional and Commercial Equipment and Supplies	0.0	1.2	1.7	1.8	2.1
42343	Sales	...Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software	0.0	1.6	2.5	2.6	2.8
4235	Sales	..Metals and Minerals, ex. Petroleum	0.0	0.9	1.8	2.0	2.2
4236	Sales	..Electrical Goods	0.0	1.5	2.3	2.3	2.6
4237	Sales	..Hardware, and Plumbing and Heating Equipment and Supplies	0.0	0.7	2.1	2.9	3.4
4238	Sales	..Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies	0.0	0.9	1.9	1.8	1.9
4239	Sales	..Miscellaneous Durable Goods	0.0	2.2	2.9	3.2	3.7
<b>424</b>	<b>Sales</b>	<b>..Nondurable goods</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>
4241	Sales	..Paper and Paper Products	0.0	1.1	2.3	3.0	3.3
4242	Sales	..Drugs and Druggists' Sundries	0.0	1.0	3.9	3.8	4.0
4243	Sales	..Apparel, Piece Goods, and Notions	0.0	1.3	2.2	2.6	2.8
4244	Sales	..Groceries and Related Products	0.0	1.8	3.1	3.3	3.4
4245	Sales	..Farm Product Raw Materials	0.0	2.8	3.5	3.9	4.1
4246	Sales	..Chemicals and Allied Products	0.0	0.9	3.6	3.7	3.9
4247	Sales	..Petroleum and Petroleum Products	0.0	0.9	1.6	2.2	3.6
4248	Sales	..Beer, Wine, and Distilled Alcoholic Beverages	0.0	1.0	1.7	1.9	1.9
4249	Sales	..Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods	0.0	2.3	3.1	3.0	2.8
<b>42</b>	<b>Inventories</b>	<b>U.S. Merchant Wholesalers</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>423</b>	<b>Inventories</b>	<b>..Durable goods</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>
4231	Inventories	..Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Parts and Supplies	1.7	1.8	1.6	2.1	1.6
4232	Inventories	..Furniture and Home Furnishings	3.7	3.7	3.2	3.4	3.5
4233	Inventories	..Lumber & Other Construction Materials	3.0	3.8	4.7	4.8	5.1
4234	Inventories	..Professional and Commercial Equipment and Supplies	5.2	5.5	2.3	2.5	2.9
42343	Inventories	...Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software	4.8	7.6	5.6	4.1	4.9
4235	Inventories	..Metals and Minerals, ex. Petroleum	3.1	3.6	3.1	3.8	3.8
4236	Inventories	..Electrical Goods	3.5	4.4	4.0	3.4	3.9
4237	Inventories	..Hardware, and Plumbing and Heating Equipment and Supplies	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.6	3.9
4238	Inventories	..Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies	1.5	2.4	3.3	3.1	2.6
4239	Inventories	..Miscellaneous Durable Goods	3.1	5.2	5.1	4.9	6.2
<b>424</b>	<b>Inventories</b>	<b>..Nondurable goods</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.0</b>
4241	Inventories	..Paper and Paper Products	2.2	2.6	5.0	5.5	5.2
4242	Inventories	..Drugs and Druggists' Sundries	2.1	2.0	3.2	3.6	3.4
4243	Inventories	..Apparel, Piece Goods, and Notions	3.2	3.9	5.1	5.5	4.7
4244	Inventories	..Groceries and Related Products	2.9	4.1	7.8	8.1	8.1
4245	Inventories	..Farm Product Raw Materials	6.3	9.0	4.5	4.8	4.9
4246	Inventories	..Chemicals and Allied Products	3.3	3.9	5.9	6.3	7.5
4247	Inventories	..Petroleum and Petroleum Products	1.3	1.7	3.4	3.2	4.1
4248	Inventories	..Beer, Wine, and Distilled Alcoholic Beverages	2.1	2.5	4.6	4.2	2.9
4249	Inventories	..Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods	4.6	5.0	4.7	4.8	5.0

Notes:

Estimates of 2002 sales have coefficients of variation equal to zero because they are adjusted to the 2002 Economic Census.

Additional information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, sample design, and definitions may be found at <http://www.census.gov/wholesale/www/methodology/011341.html>

Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup> Estimated measures of sampling variability for sales and inventories are given as coefficients of variation.

<sup>2</sup> Revised data.